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License Committee

The Effect of PROHIBITION IN DELAWARE

On This Evidence Does It Deserve Another Trial? Records of the Courts Tell the Story.

Some of the anti-license people try to discredit the facts from Maine and Kansas.

Will they take the trouble to go to the Court House in Wilmington and verify the statements submitted herewith or don't they value facts?

The documents printed below are official and show what Prohibition did for Delaware in 1856. The one year in the State's history when it had a chance to prove its worth, it only proved its worthlessness as a reform measure, and its supreme efficiency in promoting crime. The law was adopted in 1855.

The year 1854 was under license, 1855 was part license, as many of the old license continued; but 1856 was a prohibition year.

In 1857 license was again restored. Mark the difference. Read, study and compare and then explain to yourself how prohibition will help Delaware.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE PEACE, NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DELAWARE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Wilmington, Del., Oct. 21st, 1907.

I find on inspection of the Record of the Court of General Sessions of New Castle County for the year 1854 the following indictments:

	May Term 1854	Nov. Term 1854	Total
Selling spirituous liquor by the small...	8	1	9
Selling liquor on the Lord's day...	3	1	4
Selling brandy on the Lord's day...	1	1	2
Keeping ale house without license...	1	1	2
Permitting liquor sold by her as a tavern keeper to be carried without her tavern...	1	1	2
Selling intoxicating liquor on Sunday...	1	1	2
Assault and battery...	6	9	15
Assaulting a police officer...	1	1	2
Assault with intent to commit murder...	1	1	2
Larceny...	3	9	12
Forgery...	1	1	2
Murder of first degree...	1	1	2
Obstructing public road...	1	1	2
Passing counterfeit money...	1	1	2
Manslaughter...	1	1	2
Keeping a gaming house...	1	1	2
Uttering a forged acknowledgment of deposit in bank...	2	1	3
Housebreaking...	1	1	2
Riot...	1	1	2
Rubbery...	1	1	2
Nuisance...	1	1	2
Selling intoxicating liquor without license...	7	17	24
	41	43	84

Very truly yours, (Signed) Winfield S. Quigley, Clerk of Peace.

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I find on inspection of the Record of the Court of General Sessions of New Castle County for the year 1855 the following indictments:

	May Term 1855	Nov. Term 1855	Total
Supplying convicts with liquor...	3	3	6
Selling liquor...	13	13	26
Selling spirituous liquor...	3	3	6
Assault and battery...	4	13	17
Attachment for contempt...	1	1	2
Born burning...	2	2	4
Breaking out house...	2	2	4
Breaking into store...	1	1	2
Larceny...	13	13	26
Burning a stable...	1	1	2
Advising an indentured negro to run away...	1	1	2
Burning barn and granary...	2	2	4
Assault with intent to rob...	1	1	2
Perjury...	1	1	2
Disturbing religious meeting...	1	1	2
Horse stealing...	1	1	2
Appeal in intoxication...	5	5	10
Receiving stolen goods...	5	5	10
Rape...	1	1	2
Keeping a bawdy house...	1	1	2
Fortune telling...	4	4	8
Assault with intent to commit murder...	1	1	2
Murder...	2	2	4
Keeping a disorderly house...	2	2	4
Aiding the escape of a negro servant...	1	1	2
Giving liquor to persons of intemperate habits...	1	1	2
	33	82	115

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1856 is the Prohibition Year—Mark It.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Wilmington, Del., Oct. 7th, 1907.

I have this day made an inspection of the records of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery, in and for New Castle County, Del., for the year 1856 and find the following indictments:

	May Term 1856	Nov. Term 1856	Total
Selling liquor...	79	501	580
Appeal in intoxication...	2	4	6
Keeping liquor to sell...	4	2	6
Keeping liquor...	2	2	4
Larceny...	14	11	25
Riot...	1	4	5
Assault and battery...	3	13	16
Assault with intent to commit rape...	1	1	2
Assault with intent to commit murder...	1	1	2
Breaking store to commit larceny...	1	1	2
Owning a pistol...	1	1	2
Buying stolen goods...	1	1	2
Attachment for contempt...	6	32	38
Breaking store...	2	1	3
Breaking dwelling...	1	1	2
Nuisance...	1	1	2
Passing altered check...	1	1	2
Forgery...	1	1	2
Passing counterfeit note...	1	1	2
Passing forged note...	1	1	2
Assisting slave to escape...	1	1	2
Illegal voting...	3	3	6
Keeping booth to sell food at campmeeting...	2	2	4
Disturbing religious meeting...	2	2	4
Assault with intent to kill...	1	1	2
Perjury...	1	1	2
Assault with intent to ravish...	1	1	2
	117	555	702

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GOVERNOR HOCH of KANSAS on PROHIBITION

Prohibition and Prosperity in Kansas

In response to a request for information relative to prohibition in Kansas, Governor E. W. Hoch kindly favored us with the following:

"I am overwhelmed with things to do but am never too busy to contribute my mite to the good cause you represent.

I have been a resident of this state for 35 years, helped to put prohibition into our constitution in 1880 and have been in the thick of the fight ever since. It has been a hard fight and an unfair one. Every state surrounding us has been opposed to our policy and contributed in every way possible to its defeat. The powerful influences of the brewers and distillers with unlimited money have been arrayed against us. Every conceivable technicality has been invoked in the court against the law, but to day in ONE HUNDRED OUT OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIVE COUNTIES of the state the law is as well enforced as any other penal statute, and IN THE REMAINING COUNTIES the atmosphere is getting quite sultry for its violators. WE HAVE THE ONLY STATE CAPITAL IN THE UNION ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT A SALOON. WE HAVE A QUARTER OF A MILLION YOUNG MEN AND YOUNG WOMEN OVER 21 YEARS OF AGE WHO NEVER SAW A SALOON. I BELIEVE WE HAVE THE MOST PROSPEROUS PEOPLE ON EARTH. THEY HAVE OVER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER CAPITA IN THE BANKS AND A POOR-HOUSE IS A JOKE IN KANSAS. PROHIBITION HAS BEEN A GREAT BENEFIT TO THIS STATE MORALLY, EDUCATIONALLY AND FINANCIALLY. PROHIBITION IS THE ONLY LOGICAL ATTITUDE OF GOVERNMENT TOWARD A RECOGNIZED EVIL IS ATTESTED BY EVERY COURT FROM THE LOWEST TO THE HIGHEST.

I believe the victory won in Kansas City, Kansas, is the greatest single victory ever won for temperance in the United States. Right across a street is Kansas City, Missouri, but the city is still closed on our side and the city was never before so prosperous. Later reports from the banks are even better than those given by Mr. Trickett. With \$4,000 revenue from the joints the city ran \$24,000 behind the last year of the old system, but under our new system it is self supporting and the city has increased in population 13,000 the last year."

JNO. F. HILL, Sec.

TO THE VOTERS OF DELAWARE

You destroy a business that pays out for various purposes \$5,217,388.30 annually, and directly and indirectly furnishes employment to thousands of men and women.

And all for what? It will not prevent the sale and use of liquor, it will only change the method of sale.

The sales will be from outside the state and more liquor will be drunk with a vast increase in drunkenness.

The dealers in Wilmington to-day are selling to men who dispose of it in the no-license towns of Maryland and Virginia.

It is a perfectly legal act to sell for delivery in local option districts any quantity that may be desired. If it can't be bought in Delaware by wholesale it can be bought in Philadelphia or elsewhere.

The consistency of the opposition is represented by a statement made by a prominent leader on the eve of September 30th, when he said, "I am here to tell the truth if I know it, and I believe that local option will increase our taxes. I am assessed \$5,000 and from the best information I can get, if the liquor fees are lost to the state my taxes will be increased."

In my opinion high license would be better than local option, but we can't get a high license bill through the legislature, as the whiskey men always oppose it, and the next best thing is local option."

How does he know that a high license bill can't be passed by the legislature? Is it not possible to enact a law that will solve the question of increased revenue instead of creating a new deficiency?

Wouldn't that be the sensible course to pursue? Isn't he more interested in building up a fanatical dictatorial political machine in the interest of he and his friends, than he is in solving any question for the benefit of the public?

What does this new populism care about results to the people? They do not pretend to deal in facts, or to meet in an honest way the facts we present.

We have repeatedly asked them to give the public, the records of prohibition in Delaware in 1856. Why did they not do it?

Because it was so powerfully against them. In 1854 under license, the indictments recorded in New Castle county with one-third its present population were 84; in 1855, 115, and in 1856 under prohibition the indictments were 702.

After the repeal of the prohibition law they fell again to 124 in 1857. In 1906 with a population in excess of the total population of the state in 1856 there were only 216 indictments.

If the law of 1856 had been retained and indictments continued in the same ratio to population, New Castle county would have had 2106 last year.

They want you to go back to this criminal creating system; will you do it? The horse of self-interest now advocates prohibition for Delaware will soon leave with the price of their service in their pockets.

They do not care what follows, they will have their share of the loot. If the indictments increase an hundred-fold and court expenses roll up enormously they will not be affected.

Drug store whiskey, alcoholic medicines, morphine, opium, laudanum, chloral and cocaine will take the place of pure liquors sold under the law; and a particular kind of hell never known before will be loosed to gender its damnable results.

Will you risk it?

License Committee

A LAST WORD TO THE VOTERS OF DELAWARE

In closing the campaign against prohibition, we wish the voters to remember that it is a poor time for experiments.

Some people are saying, "We can try it and if we don't like it we can go back to license. It is well to remember that you can't go back to license until the legislature is willing to submit the question again, and that an election costs the state nearly \$40,000.00, besides the expense of conducting the campaign to the people interested."

In addition to this cost you immediately disburse with \$76,000 revenue to the state and over \$47,000 to the counties or more than \$123,000, besides the \$10,000 paid to the general government for revenue license.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 26th, 1907.

PRESIDENT Roosevelt arrived in Washington on Wednesday afternoon and an hour after his return was seated at his desk in the executive offices, taking up the mass of public business that had accumulated during his absence, the most important of which was the financial situation. Secretary Root was the first visitor at the executive offices and as the Secretary of State is a New Yorker and a lawyer, undoubtedly the troubled conditions in the metropolis were under discussion in the hour he spent with the President. President Roosevelt is thoroughly informed regarding the financial stress in Wall Street and it is understood that he approves the measures of relief afforded by his Secretary of the Treasury to both New York and Pittsburgh. Secretary Garfield has reviewed the situation with the President at some length. He made financial conditions a special subject of inquiry on his recent extended Western trip and found the outlook most encouraging. He reports that Western bankers have gradually been divorcing themselves from Wall street influences until they are now virtually independent of them, at least to the extent of not being embarrassed because of a slump in the securities dealt in on the New York Stock Exchange. Their loans are largely secured by Western real estate and other local securities and those which are based on Eastern securities have been readjusted during the past year on the lower values. It was pointed out that had the New York flurry occurred four years ago, its influence would have been widespread and it is a matter of profound satisfaction to the administration that the embarrassment can now be confined almost entirely to its source. This view of the finances of the West is corroborated by Senator McCumber of North Dakota and he adds that the crop moving demand for money is now virtually met without calling for a dollar from the East. The system of making loans on elevator receipts, he said, supplied a demand which heretofore had to be met by calling on New York and paying high rates of interest. The President indicated that comment from him was unnecessary, when asked if he would make any statement on the situation.

Admiral Dewey has made a brief statement on the main points of the controversy which seems to have sprung up as to the relative merits of Subig Bay and Manila Bay as the real key to the Philippine Islands. The Admiral has not taken up the matter controversially but in commenting on cablegrams from Manila and variations on them which have appeared in several newspapers in the United States recently, said: "Subig Bay is eminently fitted as the place for the naval station of the United States in the East. Manila Bay is totally unfitted for such purpose. If, as has been alleged, it would require 100,000 men to defend Subig Bay against land attack, it would require 500,000 men to defend Manila against the same enemy." The selection of Subig Bay was made by a joint naval and army board and was favored by Admiral Dewey and quite a sum of money has already been spent for its adequate fortification.

Several weeks ago payment of all moneys due from the Post Office Department to the Hartford Manufacturing Company, of Hartford, Conn., was suspended by Postmaster General Meyer and the matter was submitted to the Attorney General for such further action as might be deemed proper. This week the Hartford company which had the contract stamped up to July 1st last for manufacturing strapped envelopes and newspaper wrappers, made a cash payment to Postmaster General Meyer of \$100,000 as a settlement for all damages and injuries which the Post-Office Department may have sustained by reason of the company's failure to furnish paper up to the contract. The contract with the company required that the paper for first quality envelopes should be made of all-rag paper, whereas, for a considerable period, the paper furnished by the contractor consisted of 25 per cent. sulphite wood pulp, as was discovered by chemical analyses of samples furnished by the company and which of course materially lessened its cost.

The "Free Controversy" precipitated by the preparations of the committee in charge to clear the Botanic Gardens of several historic trees in order to make ready the selected site for the Grant monument has been carried to the President for final adjudication and he takes a strong stand against the destruction of these famous and magnificent trees. Unquestionably some other site will be selected for the Grant monument and while no definite decision has been reached, the White Lot at the rear of the White House grounds seems to be the one most favorably considered.

Cures Blood, Skin Disease, Cancer Greatest Blood Purifier Ever.

If your blood is impure, thin, diseased, hot or full of humor, if you have blood poison, cancer, carbuncles, eating sores, scurfula, eczema, itching, risings and bumps, scabby, pimply skin, bone pains, catarrh, rheumatism or any blood or skin disease, take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.). Soon all sores heal, aches and pains stop and the blood is made pure and rich. Druggists or by express \$1 per large bottle. Sample free by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. B. B. B. is especially adapted for chronic, deep-seated cases, as it cures after all else fails.

We have stored in warehouses at Middletown and near, Del., FERTILIZER for those who run short and are late with their feeding. Send your teams along. JAMES L. SURBERG.

NOVEMBER COURT WILL BE BUSY

210 Cases Listed for Trial and Argument in Superior Court

The list of cases for trial and argument at the November term of New Castle County Court, beginning on next Monday, was issued Monday morning. It shows 134 cases for trial and 76 for argument, the largest number listed for a long time. Among the damage cases to be tried are twenty-six against the Wilmington City Railway Company, twelve against the People's Railway Company, 2 against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, ten against the Mayor and Council of Wilmington and nine against the P. B. and W. R. R. Company.

There are 46 divorce cases on the argument list as follows:

William M. S. Donnelly, vs. Ella R. Donnelly.

James P. Lofland, vs. Delma W. Lofland.

William E. Massey, vs. Mary E. Massey.

Mary E. Winchester, vs. Frank H. Winchester.

Israel Eizenman, vs. Bessie Eizenman.

Lucinda Maney, vs. William B. Maney.

Agnes L. Down, vs. William G. Downs.

Delma W. Lofland, vs. James P. Lofland.

Louisa Davis, vs. Duminick R. Davis.

Annie E. Mercer, vs. Harry T. Mercer.

Frank C. Miller, vs. Mary E. Miller.

Willard J. Carson, vs. Minnie Carson.

Louisa Kate Stran, vs. John Thomas Stran.

Jennie E. Wirt, vs. John W. Wirt.

Bella A. Middlebrook, vs. Peter F. Middlebrook.

Katie B. Lambert, vs. Emory E. Lambert, Jr.

Charles H. Miller, vs. Harriett E. Miller.

Agnes Taylor, vs. Irvin B. Taylor.

John J. Graham, vs. Elizabeth A. Graham.

Sarah Katharine Price, vs. Charles Edward Price.

Emmett P. Bunyes, vs. Laura V. Bunyes.

George A. Robinson, vs. Annie Robinson.

Emma C. Bell, vs. George E. Bell.

Margaret F. Dutton, vs. John Dutton.

William Henry Williams, vs. Sarah F. Williams.

James Lambert Dashiell, vs. Cora A. Dashiell.

William F. Coyle, vs. Adella M. Coyle.

Charles Stettner, vs. Minnie S. Stettner.

Bertha M. Evans, vs. William M. Evans.

Alice G. Sherwood, vs. William E. Sherwood.

Elizabeth Jones, vs. William H. Jones.

Edwina J. A. Smith, vs. Warner H. Smith.

Mary Burris Rudolph, vs. William Rudolph.

Herman F. Dill, vs. Estelle Dill.

Mary A. Hudson, vs. Levin P. Hudson.

William H. McCrery, vs. Minnie B. McCrery.

William C. Corey, vs. Maude E. Corey.

Mabel D. Gouert, vs. Walter A. Gouert.

Bessie H. Hickman, vs. Paul J. Hickman.

Bessie Rebecca Gear, vs. John Price Gear.

Emily B. Macklin, vs. Clarence S. Macklin.

Elizabeth Jones, vs. William H. Jones.

Wright C. Dizer, vs. Nellie A. Dizer.

Bertha L. Epps, vs. Spencer Epps.

William H. Armstrong, vs. Lulu B. Armstrong.

Suits by Pethellen Lawson, vs. George Hermann Anderson Lawson, Emmett P. Bunyes, vs. Laura V. Bunyes and James M. Cleaver, vs. Julia A. Cleaver are for annulment of marriage.

Criminal court likewise will be a long term. Already there are about 50 persons, accused of misdemeanors, for trial.

There will be a session of Oyer and Terminer Court for the trial of two persons accused of murder. It is likely that the term will continue until late in December.

Chief Justice Lore and Associate Judges Penneswill and Boyce will sit in the courts.

THE NOVEMBER AMERICAN BOY

The departure of Hiawatha is the central figure of the two-color cover of the November American Boy, forming the fourth of Hiawatha pictures running in this favorite boys' monthly. In excellence of matter, both for the boys and adults, this number is surely a winner. The second chapter of the fine sea story, Jimmy Jones—Pirate, occupies the first pages, followed by the opening chapters of That Dillingham Boy, by Oliver Optic. Off the Reservation is continued three chapters, as is John T. Trowbridge's serial, The Boy and The Beast, and A Boy of the Revolution is concluded. Among the fine short stories and larger articles are: Talented Dogs, intelligence of "man's faithful friend"; Why the Academy Won, showing how truth and straightforward dealing always win out; James Oils, Writer of over 100 Boy Books, giving a biographical sketch of this favorite boys' author. Youth and War tells about Secretary of War Taft and his games with his son, Charlie. Helping a Lame Locomotive shows how a boy's mechanical ingenuity was of great service at a critical moment. Yag, the Story of a Dog, teaches kindness to animals. If you Wish to Succeed gives some valuable pointers to the boy who is ambitious. Then there are The Boy on His Muscle, with pictures of "Ty" Cobb, that baseball wonder; How the Carlisle Indian Boys spent their foot ball money; How a Plucky Alabama Boy of Fifteen Builds Wireless for 55 cents; Weird New Creatures in Zoo; Points Concerning Bats; A Blind Naturalist; and many others. The Chat with Big Americans this month is an interview with Harry Keller, the celebrated conjurer; and Keeping Tab on the World is

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Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7:30 a. m., 10:35 a. m., 3:50 p. m., 6:40 p. m. and 8 p. m.
Going South—8:30 a. m., 11:35 a. m., and 3 p. m.
For Odessa—7:30 a. m., 10:35 a. m., 11:30 a. m., 3:50 p. m., 6:40 p. m. and 8 p. m.
For Warrenton, Clifton and Barville 8:30 a. m. and 4:45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., NOV. 8, 1907.

Local News

Country Lard Wanted. Will pay the highest cash prices.
ARMSTRONG'S MEAT MARKET.

Up-to-date dental work at moderate cost. Dr. Johnson, Middletown.

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ARMSTRONG'S MEAT MARKET.

Wide-awake and no pain—either in extracting or filling teeth. Dr. Johnson.

We sell fruits, nuts and candies as a side line. W. T. JOHNSON.

HORSE SHOEING.—Plain 75c cash satisfaction guaranteed. J. C. GREEN.

Gold Crowns, Bridges and Platework made in my own laboratory. Dr. Johnson.

FOR SALE.—Thoroughly modern house at Odessa, seven rooms and bath, hot and cold water. Possession at any time. GEORGE L. TOWNSEND, JR., Odessa, Del.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending Oct. 24th: Mrs. Emma Archer, Lem. Harding, Mr. E. Jones, Tom. Whitlock.

Rev. William Henry Hutchins will preach in Townsend M. E. Church of tomorrow (Sunday) evening. The pastor, Rev. F. C. MacSorley will preach at Blackbird on the same evening.

The Sunday evening service in Bethesda M. E. Church will consist of platform addresses by the officials, clergy and others interested in the results of the coming election. Special music by the children and choir. Everybody invited.

As James Padley, living near Armstrong, was taking a load of pigs to the post, on Thursday, the noise made by the pigs frightened the horse causing them to run away. Mr. Padley was thrown from the wagon and his arm dislocated, while the horses ran on.

Dr. M. C. B. Mason, colored Conference Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will discuss the temperance question for Anti-Licenses in Dale M. E. Church, on tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

There will be a union meeting of the congregations of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, in St. Pauls M. E. Church, Odessa, on tomorrow (Sunday) evening at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. Thomas L. Poulson, D.D., so well and favorably known to our people will be the speaker and the public is invited to come out and hear him.

Rev. W. L. White, of Chester town, Md., and Rev. Robert Watt, D. D., of Smyrna, will address a temperance mass meeting on the evening of Saturday, November 9th, at 8 o'clock, at the adjourning session of the conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at 3 o'clock. These gentlemen will make the last public address of the campaign and the public is invited to come out and hear the issue discussed.

The programme for the Centary Club meeting last Tuesday included interesting readings by Mrs. C. J. Freeman, Mrs. Hoffecker, Miss Lola Ingram, and some very pretty instrumental music. Next week's programme includes recitations of "Early Pioneer Life," by Miss "Indians," "Past and Present," by Weston; Indian Legends," by Mrs.

C. R. Hulse of Bennington, Vermont, when conversing recently with the Rev. F. B. Moore on the Local Option question, stated that for many years Vermont had prohibition; then a few years ago she submitted the question of license to her voters, and in reply to Dr. Moore's question which of the two systems he preferred? Mr. Ritchie immediately replied: "Prohibition, by all means." Mr. Ritchie has extensive business and financial interests in Vermont and was qualified to give his reliable opinion on this question. He also stated that under Prohibition the children were better dressed than when high license prevailed, and that the family was generally more comfortable and prosperous. He declared that the great majority of the cities of Vermont had returned to no license, and that in a short time the entire state would again be under prohibition.

Mr. F. E. Williams of Elkton, Md., spoke in the Forest Presbyterian Church on last Sunday evening, on the results of the Local Option in Cecil County. Mr. Williams stated that Cecil County had been dry "off and on" for a number of years; but each experience of "wet" had resulted in a more decided adherence to the "dry" side of the question, and when the last election was held on the question of Local Option he knew of only one merchant of any prominence in all the county who favored the "wet" side, and this merchant was decidedly behind the times in his business methods. The speaker also stated that when prohibition was first adopted there had been numerous trials for violations of the law; but as those who sold liquor illegally realized that the law would be enforced, the number of cases steadily decreased, and at the last term of court, not one case of illicit liquor-selling was brought up. Business had improved during no license, and collections had decidedly increased. The Saturday night crowds, with all their drinking and noise, had disappeared; but the people came to the stores, made their purchases, and then went home. In contrast to this, the speaker said that many respectable white and colored people living in Cecil County would not visit New Castle, Kirkwood and Middletown on Saturday nights, on account of the drunkenness and disorder characteristic of these places on those evenings. In response to the inquiries as to whether the tax rate had increased since the adoption of prohibition, he said that circumstances that had no relation to the liquor traffic had much to do with fixing the rate; but there had been an increase of one-tenth of one per cent.

Miss Anna Beaten entertained the members of the Infant School and of the Junior Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church, at her home on Halloween. All the young people were made up in pretty costumes and some very ugly. Games were played, a taffy pull was enjoyed and Halloween tricks were tried. All reported a very pleasant evening.

PERSONAL NEWS

Miss Anna Beaten is visiting relatives in Wilmington.

Mr. John Burrows, of Wilmington, was in town over Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. Donovan is entertaining her mother from Duck Creek.

Miss Blanche Roberts is the guest of her father in Wilmington.

Mr. John J. Jolls spent Sunday with friends near Crumpton, Md.

Misses Bernice and Jean Metten visited relatives in Wilmington this week.

Miss Emma Merritt is spending part of this week with friends out of town.

Miss Lucile Cooke has been the guest of her father in Philadelphia this week.

Mr. William Holland and daughter, of Denver, Col., are visiting his sister, Mrs. Emanuel Lee.

Mr. Frank McWhorter, of Riverton, N. J., is visiting his nephew, Mr. J. F. McWhorter.

Mrs. Ella Cochran is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. H. A. Paul, near McDonough.

Mrs. D. P. Keith and niece, Miss Pearl Gardner, of Easton, Md., visited Mrs. J. L. Byron this week.

Miss Mary Richards, Rose Weber and Lulu Vinyard spent Wednesday and Thursday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Joseph H. Mendinhall and daughter, Miss Corrine, of Wilmington, spent Wednesday with her father, Mr. C. P. Cochran.

Miss Louise Echenhofer, of Philadelphia, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Echenhofer Sunday.

Mrs. H. B. McDowell attended a meeting of the Executive Board of the Federation of Women's Clubs, held last Tuesday at Wyoming.

Mr. Joseph Walker, of Wilmington, and Mr. Grant Rowbottom, of Philadelphia, were guests of Mr. Samuel Price and family Sunday.

Miss Heleh Cochran returned Saturday from an extended visit in Baltimore, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Carl Harrington and little son, of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Sterling Evans, of Elkton, Md., and Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Fulton and children and Miss Mary Byrne, of McDonough, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson B. Ford.

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DOES IT PAY?

BY CHARLES SCANLON

Does it pay to license a traffic which lessens the demand for the helpful things of life, which increases their cost and diminishes the ability to pay for them?

Does it pay to license a traffic which makes men less shiftless, less steady, less reliable; which lessens endurance, lessens self respect and the respect of others, lessens confidence, lessens credit, lessens the demand of food, clothing, shelter and tools with which to work?

Does it pay to license a traffic which breeds idiots, paupers, criminals, lunatics and epileptics and casts them upon society to be supported by decent, honest, industrious people?

Does it pay to license a traffic which increases taxes by creating a necessity for jails, penitentiaries, asylums, hospitals, almshouses, orphanages, reformatories, police and criminal courts?

Does it pay TO LICENSE a thing which decreases a man's industrial efficiency so that the government reports show that 72 per cent. of agriculturalists discriminate against him for using it and that 79 per cent. of manufacturers, 88 per cent. of tradesmen and 90 per cent. of railroad officials do the same thing?

Does it pay TO MAINTAIN A NATIONAL QUARANTINE AGAINST criminal and dependent classes from abroad AND LICENSE 250,000 saloon keepers to manufacture such products at home?

Does it pay TO EMPLOY TEACHERS to teach children the evil effects of alcohol upon the human system AND LICENSE MEN to sell a thing which inflames the stomach, hardens the brain, softens and weakens the blood vessels, impoverishes the blood, over the heart, retards the elimination of effete matter, dims the eye, dulls the hearing, diseases the throat, lungs, kidneys, liver, nerves and muscles; the demand for which is wholly artificial and when supplied serves no good purpose?

Does it pay TO CALL MINISTERS to preach the gospel of love, charity, honesty, purity, forgiveness and redemption, AND LICENSE other men to engage in a traffic which fosters hate, engenders strife, breeds dishonesty, impurity and destruction?

Does it pay TO BUILD A PALACE FOR THE BREWER, hire servants and buy silks for his wife, AND DRESS YOUR OWN WIFE in rags, make her take in washing to support the family and finally send her to the poorhouse and bury her in the potter's field?

Does it pay TO LEVY A TAX to support orphans and widows, AND LICENSE the murder of husband and father? DOES IT PAY TO LICENSE a thing which is always and everywhere known to be the enemy of everything sacred to God and man? DOES IT PAY TO MAINTAIN on our coasts 275 Life Saving Stations at a cost of little more than a million and a half, and out of the same pockets AND UNDER THE SAME FLAG MAINTAIN 250,000 Life-Saving Stations at two billions and a half?

Does it pay to listen to the sophistries and falsehoods of passion, prejudice, ignorance, appetite and greed, and close your ears to the voice of conscience, reason, judgment, suffering religion and God?

Go, feel what I have felt, Go, hear what I have borne; Sink 'neath a blow a father dealt, And the cold, proud world's scorn; Thus struggle on from year to year, Thy sole relief,—the scalding tear.

Go, weep as I have wept, O'er a loved father's fall, See every cherished promise swept,— Youth's sweetness turned to gall; Hope's faded flowers strewn all the way That led me up to woman's day.

Go, kneel as I have knelt; Implore, beseech, and pray, Strive the besotted heart to melt, The downward course to stay; Be cast with bitter curse aside, Thy prayers blasphemed, thy tears defiled.

Go, stand where I have stood, And see the strong man bow; With gasping teeth, lips bathed in blood And cold and livid brow; Go, catch his wandering glance, and see There mirrored, his soul's misery.

*These beautiful and touching verses were written by a young lady, in reply to a friend who had called her a monomaniac on the subject of temperance.

RACES AT ELKTON

The old Cecil County Fair Ground track will be the scene of some interesting races in which horses owned by Lancaster and Chester counties, Pa., Harford and Cecil counties, Md., are entered in the various events will be held at Elkton on Saturday afternoon, November 23. The races are held under the auspices of the Inter-County Racing Association and liberal purses are offered. The program consists of 3:00 minute; 2:21; Free for all, and a special race for horses that have raced on the Elkton track during the past summer.

Among the entries are Rector, with a record of 2:08. On Saturday last Rector paced a mile on the Woodlawn track in 2:14, and with the fast condition in which the Elkton track is now in, he will try to lower his record on that day. A band of music will be in attendance and a large crowd will visit Elkton to witness the races.

GOVERNOR HANLY OF INDIANA OPPOSES THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC

"For three years I have been compelled to witness an unending procession of broken-hearted women through the executive office of the state of Indiana. Wives, mothers, and daughters come pleading for executive clemency for husbands, fathers or brothers who have transgressed against the law, and have, in consequence, been put under restraint by the law. I have examined the records of hundreds of these cases and I find that in 90 per cent. of them the first cause of the crime was drink.

"As for myself, I have seen so much of the heart-ache and of the blight and ruin the traffic entails upon the people of my own Commonwealth, that I am prepared to strike it anywhere and whenever opportunity presents, and this whether I shall be in public or in private life. All I am and all I have shall be devoted to this contest."

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. G. Burton Pearson announces that he will be away after October 20th, taking a post-graduate course during the fall and winter, and Dr. Paul R. Smith, late resident physician at the Delaware Hospital, will take charge of his practice during his absence. Dr. Smith will occupy Dr. Pearson's office, on South Broad street.

SOME CORRESPONDENCE

(Copy.)

Milford, Delaware, October 29, 1907.

Mr. Francis E. Kelly,

Head of Firm of Francis Kelly & Co., Wilmington, Delaware.

My Dear Sir:

Knowing of the "Sub-Hundred" in the old of the time of the State, is a not with amazement that I read your interview in the Star of October 27th, headed, "Delaware License System is Best in the Country,"—an article that libels Milford, seriously reflects upon the common sense and the veracity of the business men of our community, and insults the intelligence of the voters of Delaware, by the grace of whom you are permitted to do business today, but not after the fifth day of November, thank God!

You say that you deal in "facts" not "surmise," and add that during the five months last winter when the bars were closed in Milford, "it was the worst period Milford ever had in the way of enforcing law and order, and the good citizens of the prosperous town were only too glad when the new people were granted liquor licenses for the three hotels."

What are the facts, Mr. Kelly? Esquire Truitt's Aldermanic records show that from November 1st, 1906, until April 1st, 1907, the five months when the bars were heretofore sealed, there were but ten (10) arrests for drunkenness and disorderly conduct and seven of these convictions were caused by the Law and Order Society. During the five months following the reopening of the saloons, from April 1st, 1907, until Sept. 1st, 1907, there were fifty-two (52) arrests for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. The records show the lawlessness increased four hundred and twenty per cent. (420) after the reopening of the saloons, and Esquire Truitt himself says that in every instance save four run was either the direct or the indirect cause of the disturbance. THESE are the facts, Mr. Kelly.

You have the audacity to say that the "good citizens of Milford were only too glad when new people were granted 'liquor licenses' and add, 'but I will go into details.' I will go into the details, Mr. Kelly.

The facts are that a petition signed by more than four hundred of our people was sent to the Court remonstrating against the reopening of our saloons. It remained for you to advance the "surmise" that our citizens were remonstrating against something which they were "only too glad" to get! And that absurdity is as sensible and as near the truth as any statement you have dared to make about our splendid little city.

What about business conditions? Read this statement signed by forty-five of the fifty business men of our town:

"We, the undersigned business men of Milford, desire to enlighten one, Francis E. Kelly, head of the Francis Kelly Company, who is now in the city of Wilmington, and to inform the voters of Delaware that we separately did a greater volume of business during the five months when the saloons were closed than during the same five months of any previous year in all our experience. And we attribute this enormous increase to the fact that the money formerly spent over the bars of our town went into legitimate and beneficial channels of trade.

"We desire to say furthermore that the law and order of the town was never so good as during the halcyon days and peaceful nights when the saloons were but an infamous memory."

SIGNED:

George H. Hall, Asbury Smith, F. L. Grier, J. E. Holland, Draper, Davis and Company, Pierce and Carmean, S. C. Evans and Son, R. E. Pettyjohn, C. Grant, N. L. Prettyman, Peter C. Hanseman, John H. White, E. F. Betts, James H. Truitt, Mark L. Davis, C. M. Talman, J. Wesley Truitt, William Gray, William Viereck, Robert Griffith, John F. Housenman, J. O. Brown, H. W. D. Moore, F. E. Grier, Charles Holzmüller, W. L. Grier, Mrs. Isaac A. White, W. S. Shockey, Henry Davis, Thomas Davis, Robert H. Pierce, John W. Herring, William Pardoe, H. M. Ennis, C. D. Abbott, C. J. D. Abbott and Company, Thomas D. Pierce, W. H. Staiton, T. C. Housenman, James S. Horton, F. W. Davis and Company, L. D. Short, W. F. F. Caulk Company, William F. Deputy, Edward Atkins.

Mr. Kelly, Wholesale Liquor Dealer, these men and hundreds of others down here will never give "sleep" to their own slumber in their souls" until this infamous privilege is withdrawn and this great business demoralizer driven from our Commonwealth as it has been scourged from all Dixieland, by a quickened public conscience backed by the ballot and by the will of free men.

Mr. Kelly, the Saloon and entrenched privilege must go! Yours, etc., (Signed) John P. Holland.

DO YOU HEAR IT?

BY J. A. SUDMAN.

Tune.—"Masses in the cold, cold ground."

Down in old St. Georges Hundred The light is going on, The Local Option Cry is thundered, License is on the run, For the fight is only opened, Victory will surely come.

Chorus

Down in St. Georges Hundred We're fighting day and night, To reclaim those who have wandered, Far from the Truth and Right, Oh, they're coming back one by one, With their help the battles won. 2-Chorus

Yes, we're going to win the victory Over this wretched blight, Yes, from this curse we'll soon be free, Darkness 'rased to light, Oh, the time is coming soon, License will have met its doom. 3-Chorus

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